

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A process for the disinfection and/or preservation of harvested plant material which is animal feed selected from the group consisting of harvested grass, cereals, maize, wheat, legumes and mixtures thereof, the process comprising contacting the harvested plant material with a liquid composition comprising at least one peroxygen compound and at least one preservative selected from the group consisting of benzoic acid, parahydroxybenzoic acid, their salts, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the harvested plant material comprises harvested grass.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the peroxygen compound is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, organic peracids, ester peracids, persalts, metallic peroxides and mixtures thereof.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the preservative is selected from the group consisting of parahydroxybenzoic acid, parahydroxybenzoic acid salts, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the liquid composition comprises from 5 to 60 % wt of the peroxygen compound and from 5 to 25 % wt of the preservative.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 5 wherein the peroxygen compound is hydrogen peroxide and the preservative is sodium benzoate.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the liquid composition is used in an amount of from 0.5 to 10 liters per ton of plant material.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 8 wherein the liquid composition is used in an amount of from 1 to 3 liters per ton of plant material.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the liquid composition has a pH of from 1 to 7.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the preservative is sodium benzoate.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the preservative is selected from the group consisting of benzoic acid, benzoic acid salts, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 wherein the molar ratio of peroxygen compound to preservative is 0.2 - 5.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the peroxygen compound is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, peracetic acid, mixtures of monomethylesters of peradipic, perglutaric and persuccinic acids, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1 wherein the harvested plant material comprises harvested grass, the peroxygen compound is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, organic peracids, ester peracids, persalts, metallic peroxides and mixtures thereof, the liquid composition comprises from 5 to 60 % wt of the peroxygen compound and from 5 to 25 % wt of the preservative, the liquid composition is used in an amount of 1 to 3 liters per ton of plant material, and the liquid composition has a pH of from 1 to 7.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 17 wherein the peroxygen compound is hydrogen peroxide and the preservative is sodium benzoate.